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**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating snapshots of a data record, said method comprising:  
determining one or more changes to the data record;  
comparing the changes to one or more rules, wherein at least one of the rules corresponds to a field that is included in the data record; and  
copying one or more fields from the data record to a snapshot record in response to the comparison.
2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
writing transaction data corresponding to the copying to a transaction log file, wherein the transaction data includes an address corresponding to the snapshot record.
3. (Original) The method as described in claim 2 further comprising:  
retrieving one or more transaction records stored in the transaction log file; and  
selecting a related snapshot record corresponding to each of the retrieved transaction log records.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
including a snapshot pointer in the data record that includes ~~an~~ a first address corresponding to the snapshot record; and  
including a data record pointer in the snapshot record that includes a second address corresponding to the data record.

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5. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
analyzing the retrieved snapshot records; and  
displaying a resulting analysis.
6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
identifying one of the retrieved snapshot records as a rollback record; and  
creating a new data record by overlaying the data record with the rollback record.
7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:  
reading the rules from a rules data area; and  
identifying the fields from a snapshot fields data area.
8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:  
one or more processors;  
a memory accessible by the processors;  
a nonvolatile storage accessible by the processors;  
one or more data records stored on the nonvolatile storage; and  
a snapshot tool for creating snapshots of a data record, the snapshot tool including:  
means for determining one or more changes to the data record;

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means for comparing the changes to one or more rules,  
wherein at least one of the rules corresponds to a field  
that is included in the data record; and  
 means for copying one or more fields from the data record  
 to a snapshot record in response to the comparison.

9. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
 means for writing transaction data corresponding to the copying to a transaction log file, wherein the transaction data includes an address corresponding to the snapshot record.
10. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising:  
 means for retrieving one or more transaction records stored in the transaction log file; and  
 means for selecting a related snapshot record corresponding to each of the retrieved transaction log records.
11. (Currently Amended) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
 means for including a snapshot pointer in the data record that includes ~~an~~ a first address corresponding to the snapshot record; and  
 means for including a data record pointer in the snapshot record that includes a second address corresponding to the data record.
12. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:

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means for retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
means for analyzing the retrieved snapshot records; and  
means for displaying a resulting analysis.

13. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
means for identifying one of the retrieved snapshot records as a rollback record; and  
means for creating a new data record by overlaying the data record with the rollback record.
14. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 8 further comprising:  
means for reading the rules from a rules data area; and  
means for identifying the fields from a snapshot fields data area.
15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a computer operable medium for creating snapshots of a data record, said computer program product comprising:  
means for determining one or more changes to the data record;  
means for comparing the changes to one or more rules,  
wherein at least one of the rules corresponds to a field that is included in the data record; and  
means for copying one or more fields from the data record to a snapshot record in response to the comparison.

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16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~14~~ 15 further comprising:  
means for writing transaction data corresponding to the copying to a transaction log file, wherein the transaction data includes an address corresponding to the snapshot record.
17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~15~~ 16 further comprising:  
means for retrieving one or more transaction records stored in the transaction log file; and  
means for selecting a related snapshot record corresponding to each of the retrieved transaction log records.
18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~14~~ 15 further comprising:  
means for including a snapshot pointer in the data record that includes ~~an~~ a first address corresponding to the snapshot record; and  
means for including a data record pointer in the snapshot record that includes a second address corresponding to the data record.
19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~14~~ 15 further comprising:  
means for retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
means for analyzing the retrieved snapshot records; and  
means for displaying a resulting analysis.

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20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~14~~ 15 further comprising:  
means for retrieving one or more snapshot records corresponding to the data record;  
means for identifying one of the retrieved snapshot records as a rollback record; and  
means for creating a new data record by overlaying the data record with the rollback record.
21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim ~~14~~ 15 further comprising:  
means for reading the rules from a rules data area; and  
means for identifying the fields from a snapshot fields data area.